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Application No. 10/541,017

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Attorney Docket No. IB/G-32539A

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DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW  
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 27, 2006.

The request is APPROVED.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by John D. Thallemer on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R. 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

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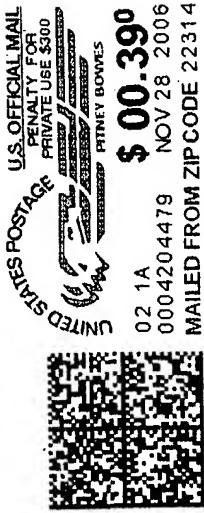
**NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/27/2006.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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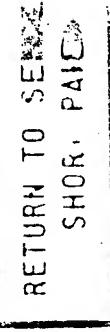


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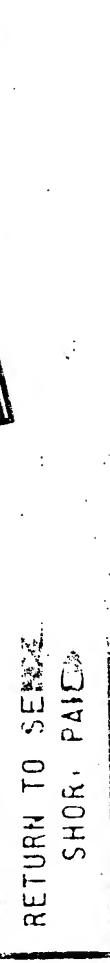
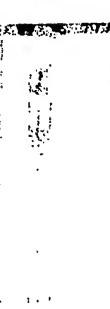
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